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SUBJ: OIL FIRES AT ABU RODEIS EXTINGUISHED

REF: TEL AVIV 1656

1. FIRE RAGING AT ABU RODEIS OIL FIELD SINCE JANUARY 1
WAS FINALLY EXTINGUISHED APRIL 18 BY CREW OF AMERICAN
EXPERTS. IT WAS SNUFFED OUT BY HIGH EXPLOSIVE CHARGE.

2. FIRE, WHICH WAS CAUSED BY ISRAELI HAWK MISSILE WHICH
WENT ASTRAY, IS ESTIMATED TO HAVE COST ISRAELI OIL LOSS
ON ONE MILLION ISRAEL POUNDS PER DAY AT CURRENT OIL
PRICES, OR OVER IL 100 MILLION (ABOUT 23 MILLION
DOLLARS). TO THIS FIGURE MUST BE ADDED 1.5 MILLION
DOLLARS FOR NEW FIRE-FIGHTING EQUIPMENT BOUGHT AS A
RESULT OF MISHAP, AND FEES PAID TO AMERICAN TEAM.
LATTER WAS DEMANDED AND PAID IN ADVANCE.

3. FROM DIRECT CONTACT WITH HEAD OF AMERICAN TEAM,
AND REPORTS OF EMBASSY DEPENDENT ON SCENE, WE UNDER-
STAND THAT FIRE COULD HAVE BEEN EXTINGUISHED CONSIDERABLY
EARLIER SAVE FOR SERIES OF LUDICROUS MISHAPS
ATTRIBUTABLE TO IMCOMPETENCE OF NETIVEI
NEFT LTD., THE ISRAEL FIRM WHICH RUNS ABU RODEIS
FIELDS. NETIVEI NEFT, FAR FROM FACILITATING WORK
OF AMERICAN TEAM, DROVE LATTER TO EXTREMES OF
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